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## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. The Applicants' arguments filed on February 27, 2007, with respect to the rejections of claims 1 and 15 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Accordingly, the rejections of claims 1 and 15 have been withdrawn.

### *Claim Objections*

2. **Claim 1** is objected to because of the following informalities:

Line 8: "*a gate driver sequentially scanning the gate lines by, applying the gate voltage,*".

The comma will be omitted for further examination purpose.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. **Claims 1-11 and 15-19** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

As to **claim 1**, the claim [lines 11 and 12] discloses "... *a master driver sequentially applying to the data line data voltages selected from the gray voltages corresponding to the image data* ...". However, Examiner respectfully submits that the specification of the Application

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discloses only a single data voltage being applied to one of the plurality of the data lines sequentially. Appropriate correction is required.

As to **claim 15**, the claim discloses "... *a slave data driver storing the first data voltages in the first period and ...*". However, Examiner respectfully submits that the specification of the Application discloses only a single first data voltage being stored in the first period. Appropriate correction is required.

As to **claims 2-11** and **16-19** are rejected as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

5. **Claims 12-14** and **15-19** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as based on a disclosure which is not enabling.

As to **claims 12** and **15**, Applying the stored first data voltages to the data line during a first sub-period of the scanning of the second gate line and applying a second voltage to the data line during a second sub-period of the scanning of the second gate line, which are critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s) is not enabled by the disclosure. See *In re Mayhew*, 527 F.2d 1229, 188 USPQ 356 (CCPA 1976). On the contrary to the main aspect of the invention disclosed in the specification, the claims disclose that applying the stored first data voltage during the scanning of the second gate line and applying a second data voltage during the scanning of the second gate line. Since the specification of the Application does not disclose neither applying the first data voltage during the entire period of the scanning of the second gate line nor applying the second data voltage during the entire period of the scanning of the second gate line, the claimed subject matter is not consistent with the main aspect of the invention disclosed in the specification of the Application.

Appropriate correction is required.

As to **claims 13-14** and **16-19** are rejected as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

***Conclusion***

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Okumura et al. (US 5,945,972) teaches a driving method of a liquid crystal display comprising storing a first data voltage applied to a first pixel connected to a data line during a first addressing period and applying the stored first data voltage to a second pixel adjacent to the first pixel during a first scanning period.

Yoneda et al. (US 5,581,273) teaches a driving method of a liquid crystal display comprising storing a first data voltage applied to a pixel connected to a data line during a first scanning period and applying the stored first data voltage to a second pixel connected to the data line and which is adjacent to the first pixel through a auxiliary wire.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seokyun Moon whose telephone number is (571) 272-5552. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on (572) 272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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